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To amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 1999

Mr. GEJDENSON (for himself and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 8, 1999

Additional sponsor: Ms. DELAURO

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 29, 1999]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCE.**

2 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This Act may be cited as the*
 3 *“Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage*
 4 *Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999”.*

5 (b) *REFERENCE.*—*Whenever in this Act a section or*
 6 *other provision is amended or repealed, such amendment*
 7 *or repeal shall be considered to be made to that section or*
 8 *other provision of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Val-*
 9 *ley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (Public Law*
 10 *103–449; 16 U.S.C. 461 note).*

11 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

12 *Section 102 of the Act is amended—*

13 (1) *in paragraph (1), by inserting “and the*
 14 *Commonwealth of Massachusetts” after “State of Con-*
 15 *necticut”;*

16 (2) *by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating*
 17 *paragraphs (3) through (9) as paragraphs (2)*
 18 *through (8), respectively; and*

19 (3) *in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by in-*
 20 *serting “New Haven,” after “Hartford,”.*

21 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET**
 22 **RIVERS VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE COR-**
 23 **RIDOR; PURPOSE.**

24 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*Section 103(a) of the Act is*
 25 *amended by inserting “and the Commonwealth of Massa-*
 26 *chusetts” after “State of Connecticut”.*

1 (b) *PURPOSE.*—Section 103(b) of the Act is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 “(b) *PURPOSE.*—It is the purpose of this title to pro-
4 vide assistance to the State of Connecticut and the Com-
5 monwealth of Massachusetts, their units of local and re-
6 gional government and citizens in the development and im-
7 plementation of integrated natural, cultural, historic, sce-
8 nic, recreational, land, and other resource management pro-
9 grams in order to retain, enhance, and interpret the signifi-
10 cant features of the lands, water, structures, and history
11 of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley.”.

12 **SEC. 4. BOUNDARIES AND ADMINISTRATION.**

13 (a) *BOUNDARIES.*—Section 104(a) of the Act is
14 amended—

15 (1) by inserting “Union,” after “Thompson,”;
16 and

17 (2) by inserting after “Woodstock” the following:
18 “in the State of Connecticut, and the towns of
19 Brimfield, Charlton, Dudley, E. Brookfield, Holland,
20 Oxford, Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Webster in the
21 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which are contig-
22 uous areas in the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers
23 Valley, related by shared natural, cultural, historic,
24 and scenic resources”.

1 (b) *ADMINISTRATION.*—Section 104 of the Act is
2 amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “(b) *ADMINISTRATION.*—

4 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—(A) The Corridor shall be
5 managed by the management entity in accordance
6 with the management plan, in consultation with the
7 Governor and pursuant to a compact with the Sec-
8 retary.

9 “(B) The management entity shall amend its by-
10 laws to add the Governor of Connecticut (or the Gov-
11 ernor’s designee) and the Governor of the Common-
12 wealth of Massachusetts (or the Governor’s designee)
13 as a voting members of its Board of Directors.

14 “(C) The management entity shall provide the
15 Governor with an annual report of its activities, pro-
16 grams, and projects. An annual report prepared for
17 any other purpose shall satisfy the requirements of
18 this paragraph.

19 “(2) *COMPACT.*—To carry out the purposes of
20 this Act, the Secretary shall enter into a compact
21 with the management entity. The compact shall in-
22 clude information relating to the objectives and man-
23 agement of the Corridor, including, but not limited
24 to, each of the following:

1 “(A) *A delineation of the boundaries of the*
2 *Corridor.*

3 “(B) *A discussion of goals and objectives of*
4 *the Corridor, including an explanation of the*
5 *proposed approaches to accomplishing the goals*
6 *set forth in the management plan.*

7 “(C) *A description of the role of the State*
8 *of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massa-*
9 *chusetts.*

10 “(3) *AUTHORITIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—*
11 *For the purpose of achieving the goals set forth in the*
12 *management plan, the management entity may use*
13 *Federal funds provided under this Act—*

14 “(A) *to make grants to the State of Con-*
15 *necticut and the Commonwealth of Massachu-*
16 *setts, their political subdivisions, nonprofit orga-*
17 *nizations, and other persons;*

18 “(B) *to enter into cooperative agreements*
19 *with or provide technical assistance to the State*
20 *of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massa-*
21 *chusetts, their political subdivisions, nonprofit*
22 *organizations, and other persons;*

23 “(C) *to hire and compensate staff; and*

24 “(D) *to contract for goods and services.*

1 “(4) *PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION OF REAL*
 2 *PROPERTY.—The management entity may not use*
 3 *Federal funds received under this Act to acquire real*
 4 *property or any interest in real property.*”.

5 **SEC. 5. STATES CORRIDOR PLAN.**

6 *Section 105 of the Act is amended—*

7 *(1) by striking subsections (a) and (b);*

8 *(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection*
 9 *(a);*

10 *(3) in subsection (a) (as so redesignated)—*

11 *(A) by striking the first sentence and all*
 12 *that follows through “Governor,” and inserting*
 13 *the following: “The management entity shall im-*
 14 *plement the management plan. Upon request of*
 15 *the management entity,”; and*

16 *(B) in paragraph (5), by striking “identi-*
 17 *fied pursuant to the inventory required by sec-*
 18 *tion 5(a)(1)”; and*

19 *(4) by adding at the end the following:*

20 “(b) *GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—For the*
 21 *purposes of implementing the management plan, the man-*
 22 *agement entity may make grants or provide technical as-*
 23 *sistance to the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth*
 24 *of Massachusetts, their political subdivisions, nonprofit or-*

ganizations, and other persons to further the goals set forth
in the management plan.”.

SEC. 6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

Section 106 of the Act is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “Governor” each place it
appears and inserting “management entity”;

(B) by striking “preparation and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“Such assistance shall include providing funds
authorized under section 109 and technical as-
sistance necessary to carry out this Act.”; and

(2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
lows:

“(b) *TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.*—The Secretary
may not make any grants or provide any assistance under
this Act after September 30, 2009.”.

SEC. 7. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.

Section 107 of the Act is amended by striking “Gov-
ernor” and inserting “management entity”.

SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.

Section 108 of the Act is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the pe-
riod the following: “and the Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts”.

1 (2) *in paragraph (3), by inserting before the pe-*
2 *riod the following: “and the Governor of the Common-*
3 *wealth of Massachusetts”;*

4 (3) *in paragraph (5), by striking “each of” and*
5 *all that follows and inserting the following: “the*
6 *Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, the*
7 *Windham Regional Council of Governments, and the*
8 *Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments in*
9 *Connecticut, (or their successors), and the Pioneer*
10 *Valley Regional Planning Commission and the South-*
11 *ern Worcester County Regional Planning Commission*
12 *(or their successors) in Massachusetts.”; and*

13 (4) *by adding at the end the following:*

14 “(6) *The term ‘management plan’ means the doc-*
15 *ument approved by the Governor of the State of Con-*
16 *necticut on February 16, 1999, and adopted by the*
17 *management entity, entitled ‘Vision to Reality: A*
18 *Management Plan’, the management plan for the Cor-*
19 *ridor, as it may be amended or replaced from time*
20 *to time.*

21 “(7) *The term ‘management entity’ means*
22 *Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., a not-*
23 *for-profit corporation (or its successor) incorporated*
24 *in the State of Connecticut.”.*

1 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 *Section 109 of the Act is amended to read as follows:*

3 **“SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-*
 5 *priated under this title not more than \$1,000,000 for any*
 6 *fiscal year. Not more than a total of \$10,000,000 may be*
 7 *appropriated for the Corridor under this title after the date*
 8 *of the enactment of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers*
 9 *Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of*
 10 *1999.*

11 *“(b) 50 PERCENT MATCH.—Federal funding provided*
 12 *under this title may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost*
 13 *of any assistance or grant provided or authorized under this*
 14 *title.”.*

15 **SEC. 10. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

16 *(a) LONG TITLE.—The long title of the Act is amended*
 17 *to read as follows: “An Act to establish the Quinebaug and*
 18 *Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor in the*
 19 *State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachu-*
 20 *setts, and for other purposes.”.*

21 *(b) HEADING.—The heading for section 110 of the Act*
 22 *is amended by striking “SERVICE” and inserting “SYS-*
 23 *TEM”.*

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